

REMARKS:

Claims 1-44 stand rejected. Claim 27 was cancelled. Claims 1-10, 20-21, 28, 29, 39, 40, 42 and 44 have been amended.

In view of the amendments, all pending claims are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, entry of the amendment, withdrawal of the rejection, and continued examination are respectfully requested

Claim 1 has been amended to recite in part:

a wireless gaming device comprising an identification code, identifying the wireless gaming device, entry apparatus configured to receive wagering information entered by a player, and a transmitter configured to transmit a signal including **both** the player's wager information and the identification code in an encrypted form;

a device configured to transmit an encryption code to the wireless gaming device prior to the wagering information being entered by the player, the wireless gaming device configured to encrypt the signal using the encryption code prior to transmission of the code;

This feature is not believed to be taught or suggested by the cited combination of references. In particular, in the response to comments, the prior Office Action asserted that the claim did not feature transmitting both the wager information and ID, or both in encrypted form. While not necessarily agreed with, this issue has been rectified by the amendment. Also the claims have been amended to expressly recite that the encryption code used to encrypt this is transmitted wager information and ID is transmitted to device prior to the entry of the wagering information by the player. This feature is also believed to be absent from the cited art of record.

Similar features have also been added to all of the other independent claims, which should be allowable, along with all the dependent claims, for similar reasons.

The previous objection to claims 40 and 42 should be mooted by the amendment of those claims, which make it more clear that the identification code recited in claims 40 and 42 cannot be repeated for different devices.

All issues raised in the Office Action are believed to have been addressed. In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore

earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee arising in connection with the filing of this paper, including any necessary extension of time, to the deposit account of **K&L Gates LLP**, Deposit Account No. **0080570**. The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned if any issue or question arises with respect to the present application.

Respectfully submitted

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